

REMARKS

The last Office Action of December 23, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 8-12, 16, 18, 19 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 11, 16 have been withdrawn from further consideration. Claims 8, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19 have been amended. Claim 20 has been added. No amendment to the specification has been made. No fee is due.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 18, 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Record is also made of a telephone interview between applicant's representative and the Examiner which took place on March 4, 2009. The Examiner is thanked for his help and assistance as well as for the courtesies extended to Counsel at that time. During the course of the interview, the present application was discussed on the basis of a claim proposal with respect to independent claim 8, faxed to the Examiner beforehand. The Examiner agreed that the proposed changes to claim 8 are appropriate to overcome the 112 rejection.

As a result of the interview, applicant now submits amendments to claim 8 which are drawn up in accordance with the agreement at the interview. Claims 18, 19 have been amended to make them consistent with the subject matter of claim 8. In addition, applicant submits herewith a new claim 20 which is directed to a synchronous motor and incorporates a permanent magnet module as set forth in claim 8. It is noted for the record that previously examined original claim 13, now canceled, was directed to a permanent-magnet excited synchronous motor.

Applicant has also amended non-elected and withdrawn claims 9, 11, 16 to make them dependent on claim 8 and 20, respectively. Thus, claims 9, 11, 16 include all the limitations of claims 8 and 20, respectively, so that rejoinder of withdrawn claims 9, 11, 16 is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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